

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUPERSEDE 24 AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS FOR
STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
WITH VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS;
ONE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH CEDARS SINAI MEDICAL CENTER; AND
ONE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT FOR FORENSIC FELLOWS SERVICES WITH THE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(ALL SUPERVISORAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

REQUEST

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, execute, and supersede 24 Affiliation Agreements for Student Professional Development Programs (SPDP), one (1) Affiliation Agreement with Cedars Sinai Medical Center, and one (1) Affiliation Agreement for Forensic Fellows Services with the University of Southern California (USC), for Fiscal Years (FY) 2007-08 through 2010-11. The Affiliation Agreements for SPDP and with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center do not have financial obligations or Maximum Contract Amounts (MCA). The Affiliation Agreement for Forensic Fellows Services with USC will continue to be funded with Sales Tax Realignment in the amount of \$226,200, and is included in the Department's FY 2007-08 Adopted Budget.

Authorize the Director or his designee to enter into future new Affiliation Agreements for SPDP's with qualified universities/educational institutions provided that: 1) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) or their designee is obtained prior to any such Agreement; and 2) the Director of Mental health shall notify the Board of Supervisors of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

Authorize the Director or his designee to prepare and execute future amendments to the Affiliation Agreements for SPDP's, Affiliation Agreement with Cedars Sinai Medical Center, and Affiliation Agreement for Forensic Fellows Services with USC, provided that: 1) the County's total payments to each contractor under the Agreement for each fiscal year shall not exceed an increase of 20% from the applicable revised contracted rate; 2) any increase shall be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel and the CEO or their designee is obtained prior to any such Amendment; 5) the parties by written Amendment mutually agree to reduce programs or services and revise the applicable rate without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health shall notify the Board of

Supervisors of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each Amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval is requested to ensure that all affiliation agreements include all new and revised contract provisions. The CEO, County Counsel, and Auditor-Controller have previously recommended that there be uniformity of all terms and conditions.

BACKGROUND

The supersession of these Agreements is necessary to ensure that all specialized Agreements include all new and revised contract provisions such as: Suspension of Payments; Budget Reductions; Compliance with Applicable Law; Alteration of Terms; and Performance Standards and Outcome Measures.

Affiliation Agreements for Student Professional Development Programs: These Agreements provide students with specialized training at County facilities working with dually diagnosed, severely, and persistently mentally ill and acutely ill populations operated through the Department of Mental Health's network of County mental health facilities.

Affiliation Agreement with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center: This Agreement will continue the professional training program for the education of medical residents to obtain clinical experience in community mental health care.

Affiliation Agreement for Forensic Fellows Services with USC: This Agreement will provide for, but is not limited to, the following psychiatric and psychological services: individual psychotherapy in the Forensic Outpatient Unit, group psychotherapy, court-ordered evaluations, psychotropic medication monitoring, psychological evaluation, consultation, and participation in ongoing research.

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